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MONTANA'S GARDINER GATEWAY PROJECT
Gateway Conference Overview & Update
March 25, 2015
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Montana's Gardiner Gateway Project Leveraging Work Across the Boundary



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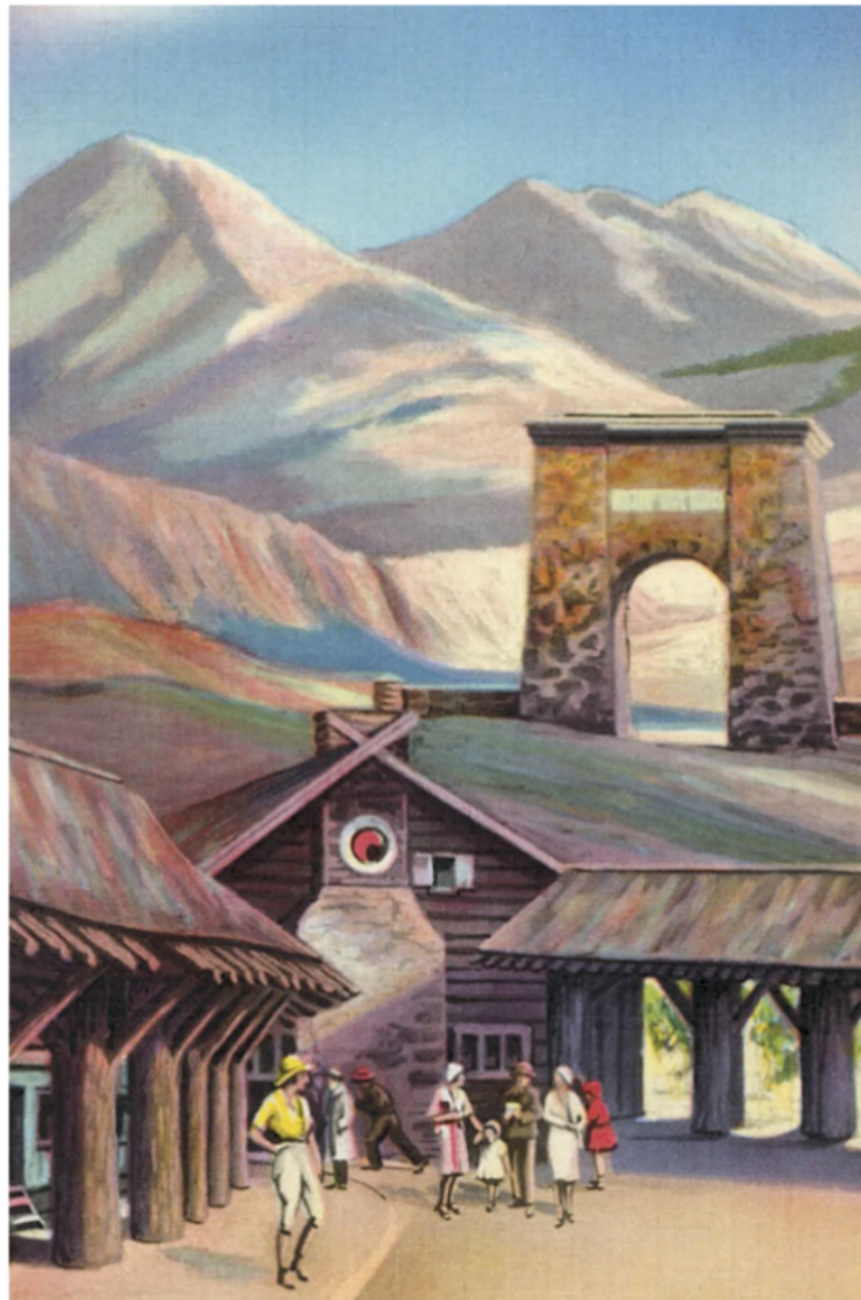


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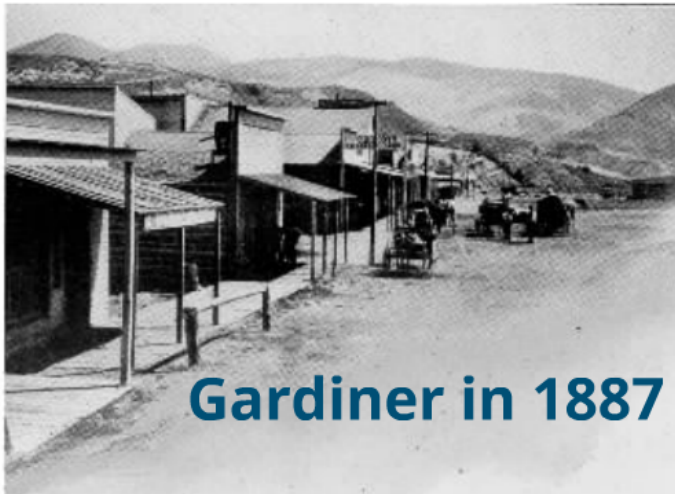
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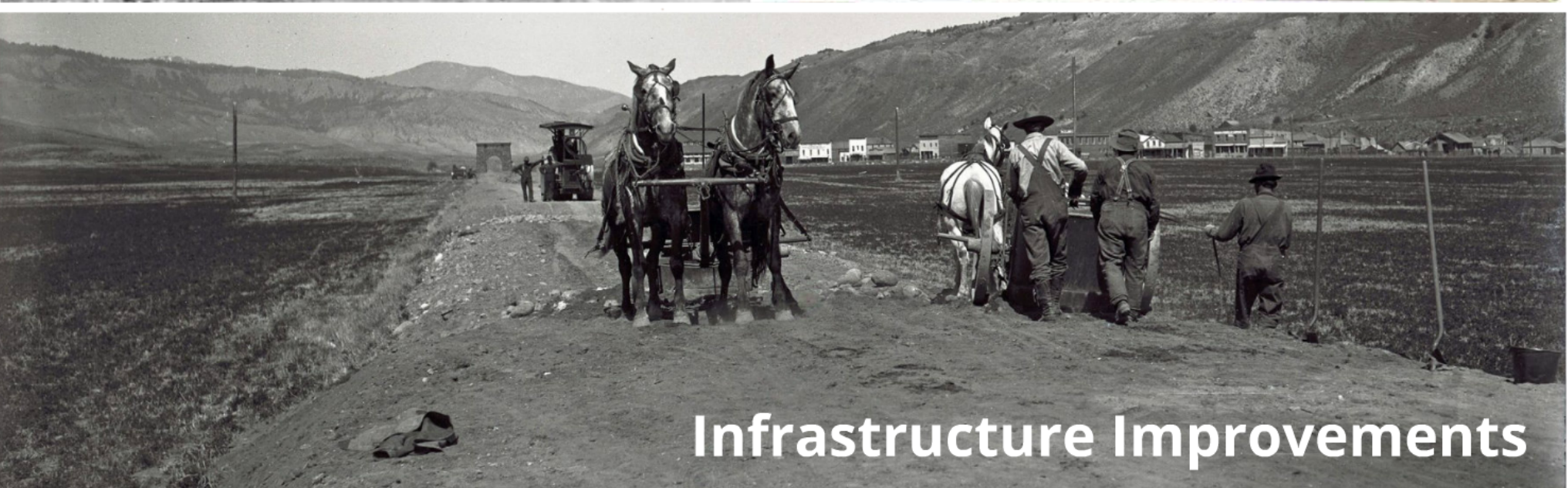


Gardiner in 1887



Gardiner in 1895

The Gardiner Gateway Project of 1903





President Roosevelt addresses the crowd. Hiram Chittenden stands at Roosevelt's left. Starting third from his right are John Burroughs, James McCartney, and Major John Pitcher.



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LEAVING GARDINER'S STATION FOR YELLOWSTONE NATIONAL PARK.

1349 - GARDINER DEPOT AND STONE ARCH, YELLOWSTONE NATIONAL PARK.



YELLOWSTONE PARK
VIA
GARDINER GATEWAY
1914



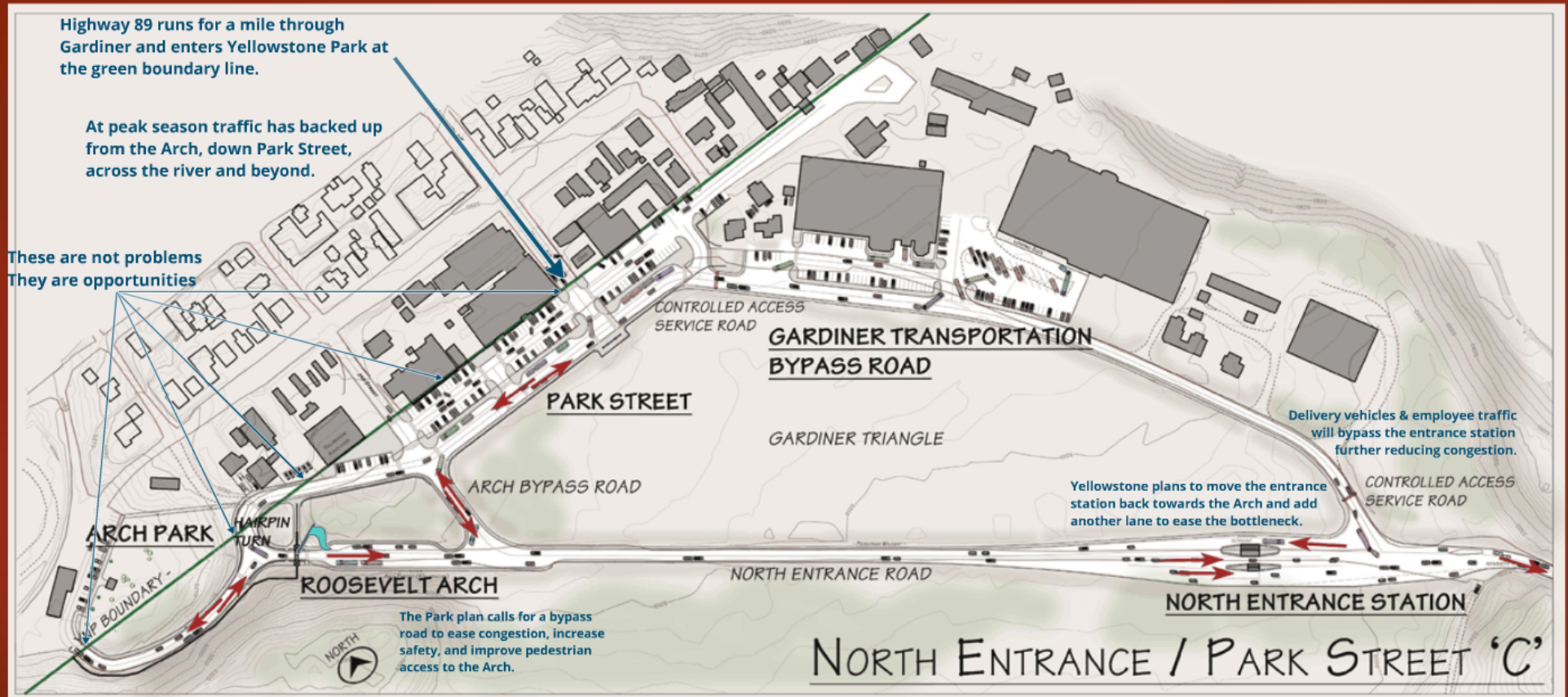
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Yellowstone National Park's North Entrance Plan



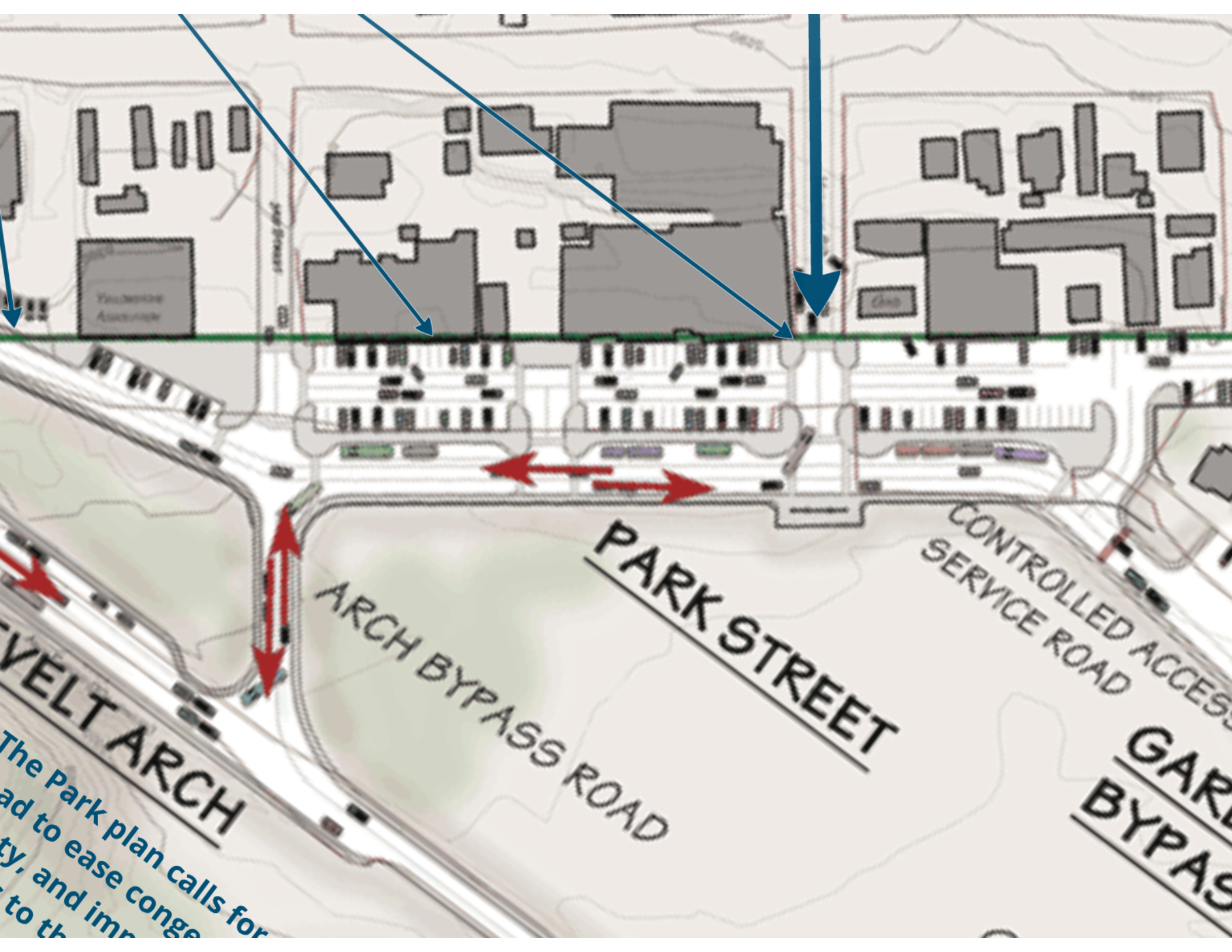
The result of a 2 year public process ending in 2011

Highway 89 runs for a mile through Gardiner and enters Yellowstone Park at the green boundary line.

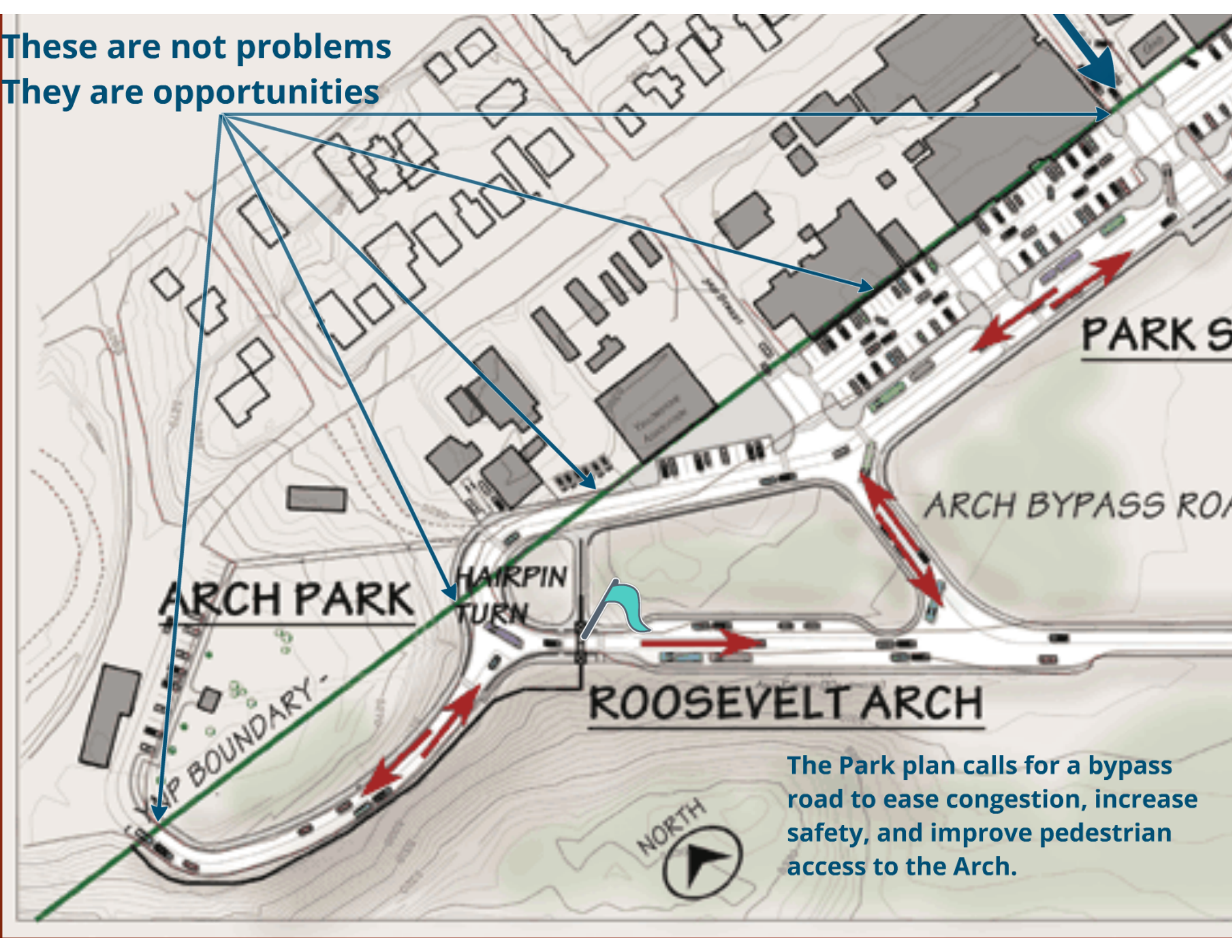
At peak season traffic has backed up from the Arch, down Park Street, across the river and beyond.

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are opportunities**





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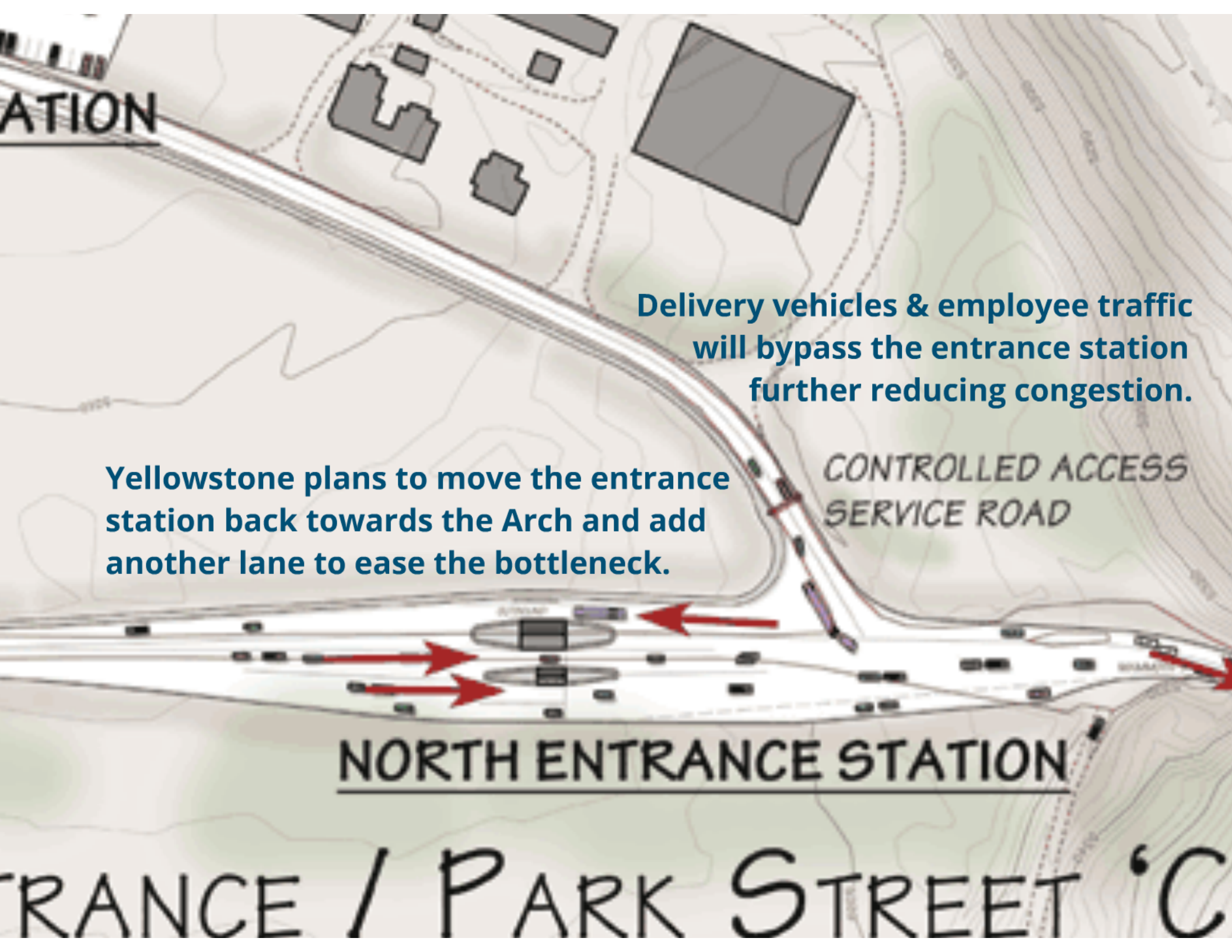
**Delivery vehicles & employee traffic
will bypass the entrance station
further reducing congestion.**

**Yellowstone plans to move the entrance
station back towards the Arch and add
another lane to ease the bottleneck.**

CONTROLLED ACCESS
SERVICE ROAD

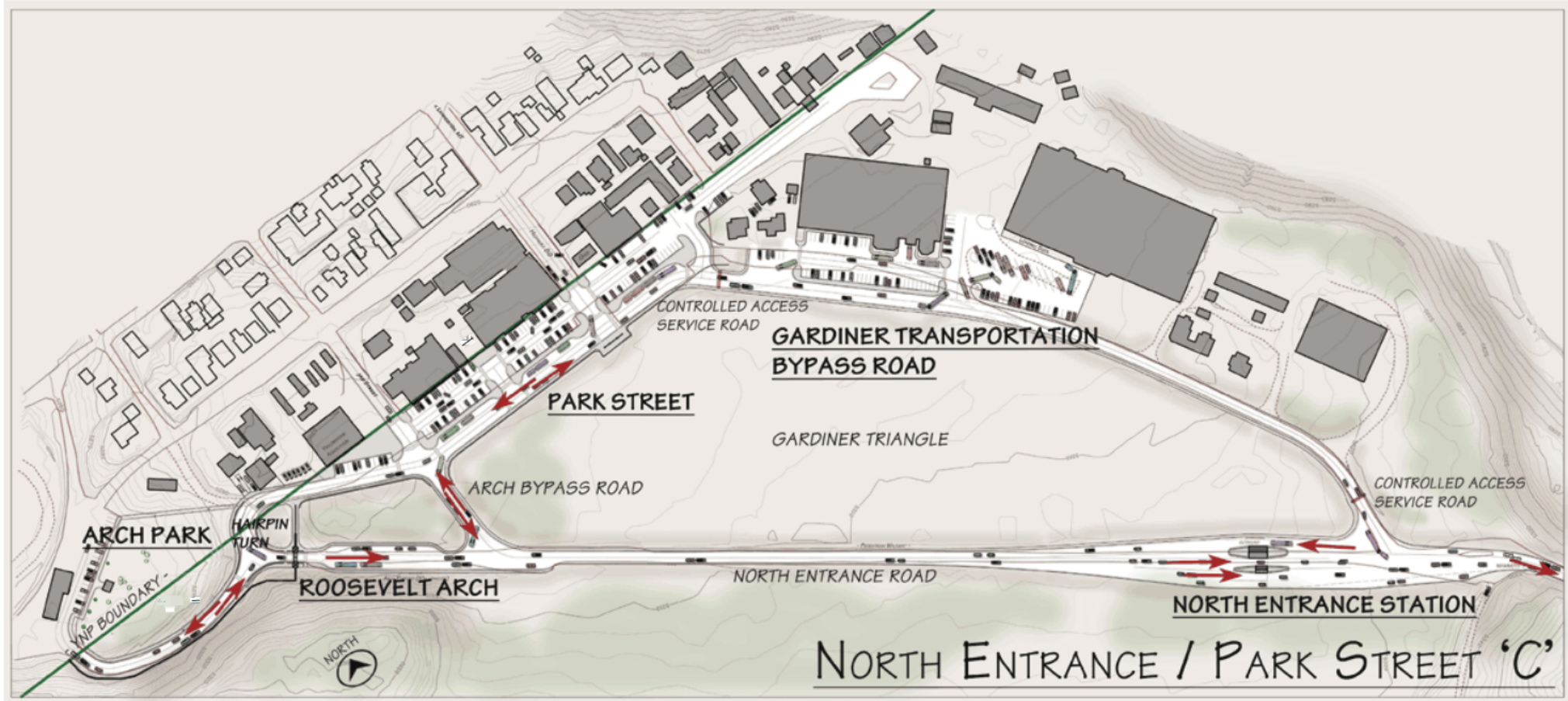
NORTH ENTRANCE STATION

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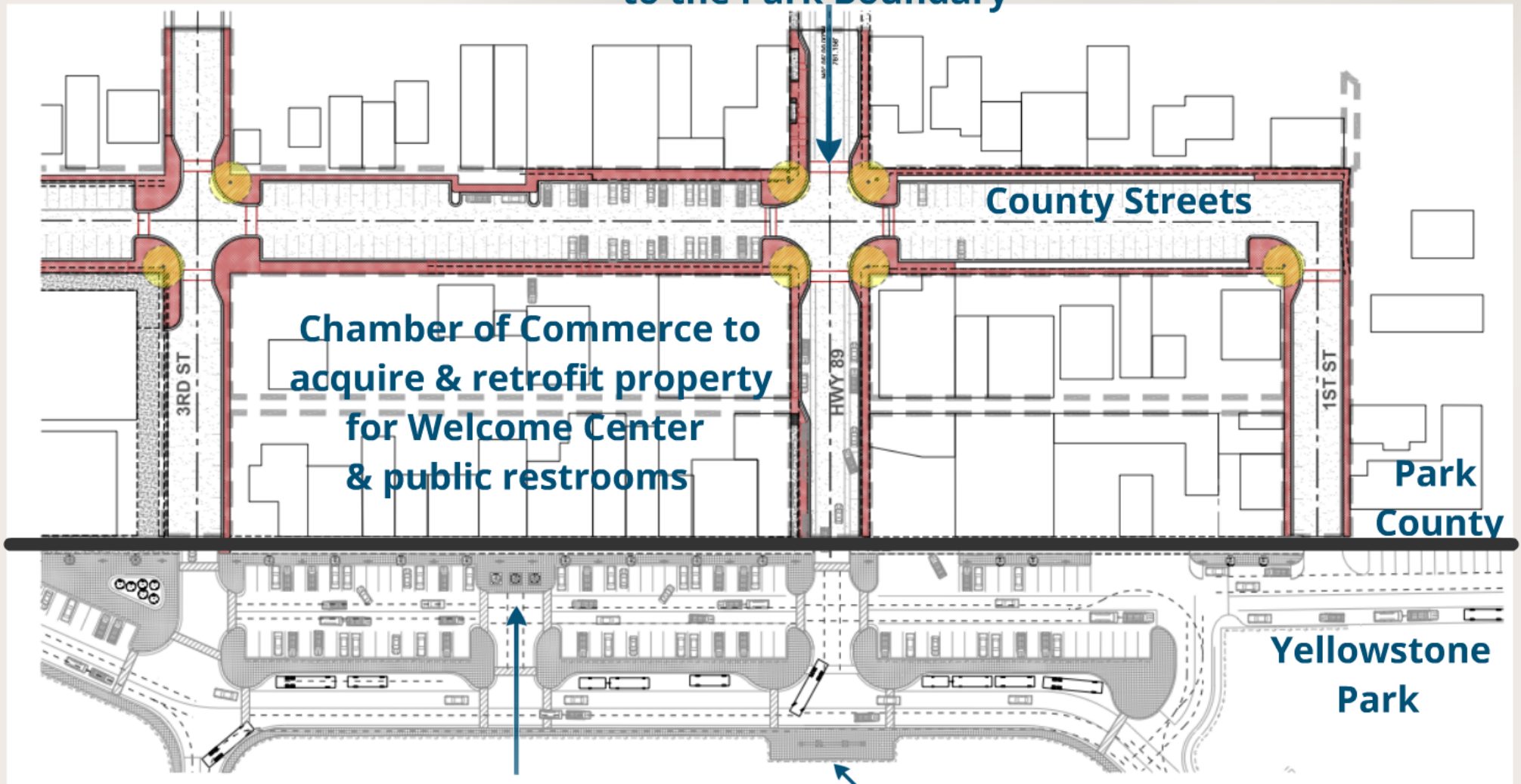


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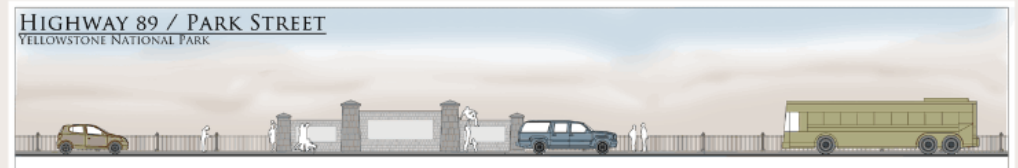
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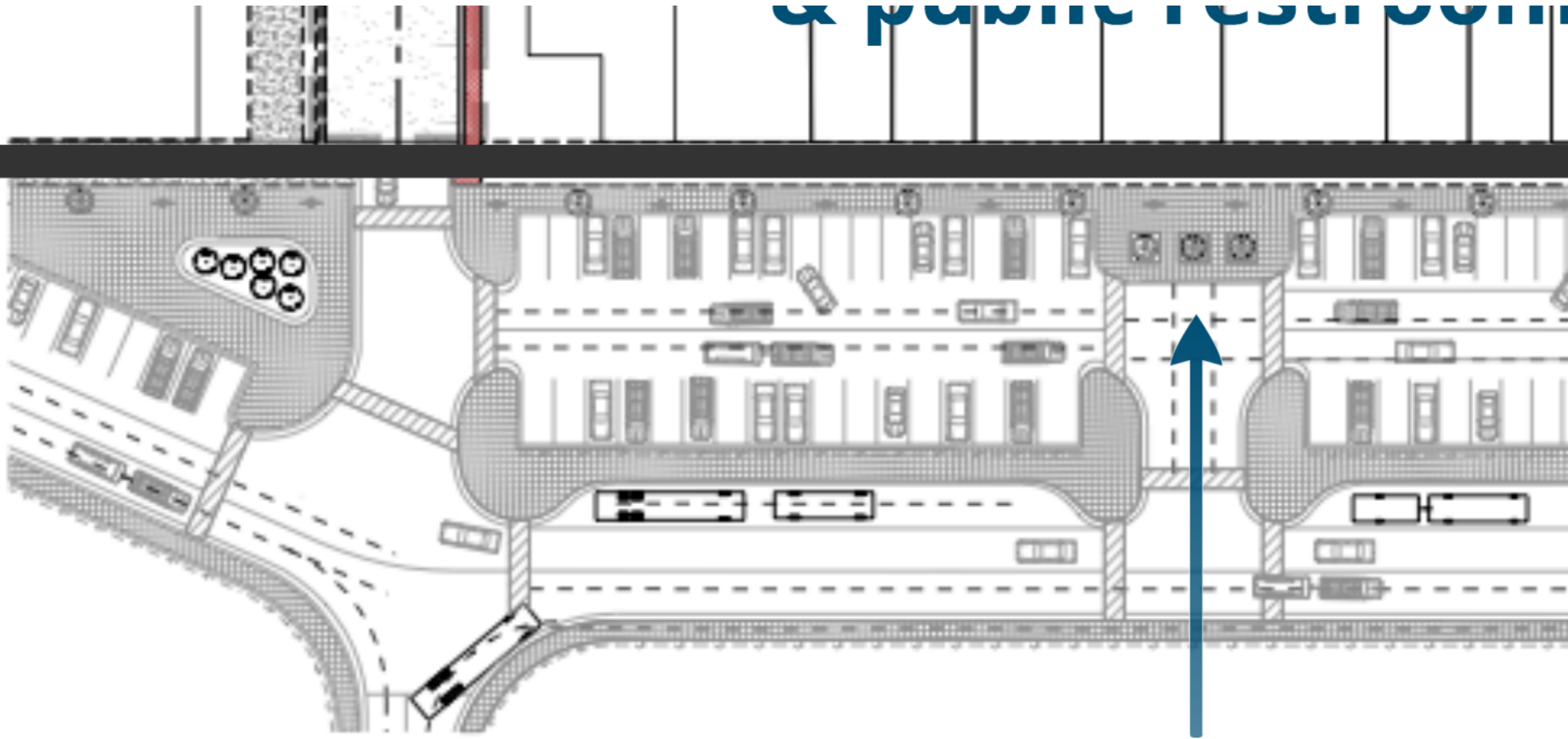
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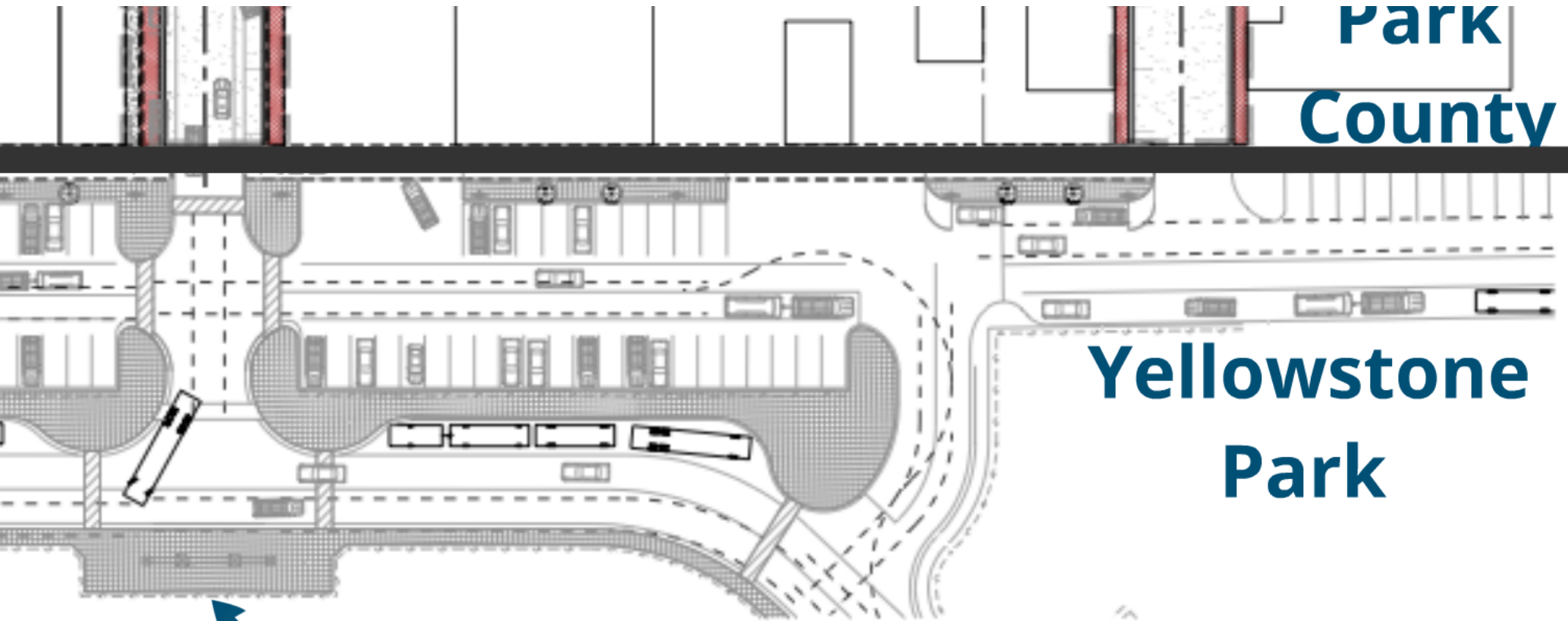
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WELCOME CENTER / PUBLIC RESTROOMS STREETSCAPE CONCEPT



Park County

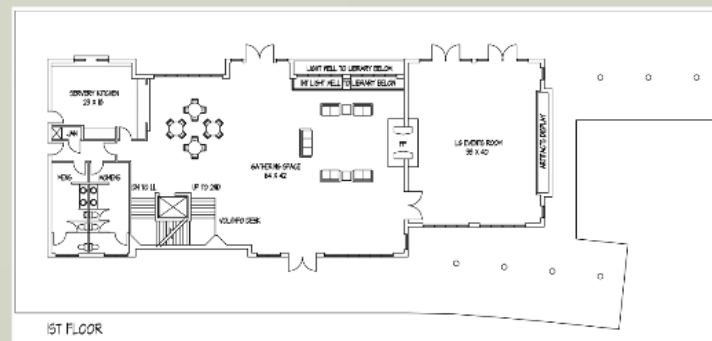
Yellowstone Park



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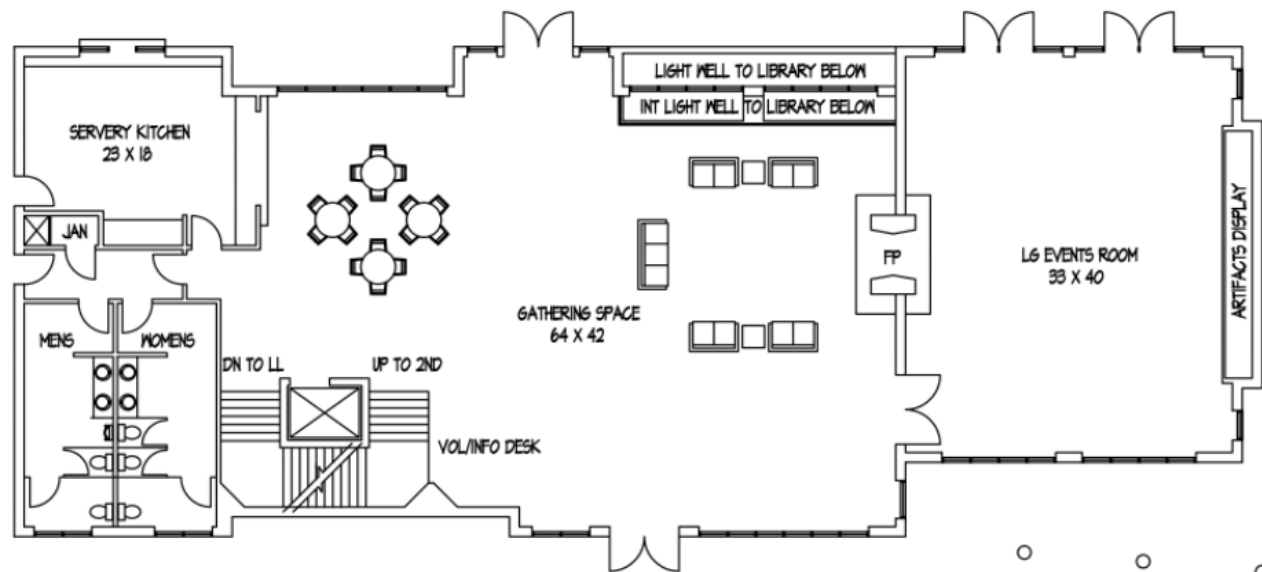
HIGHWAY 89 / PARK STREET
YELLOWSTONE NATIONAL PARK





GARDINER DEPOT

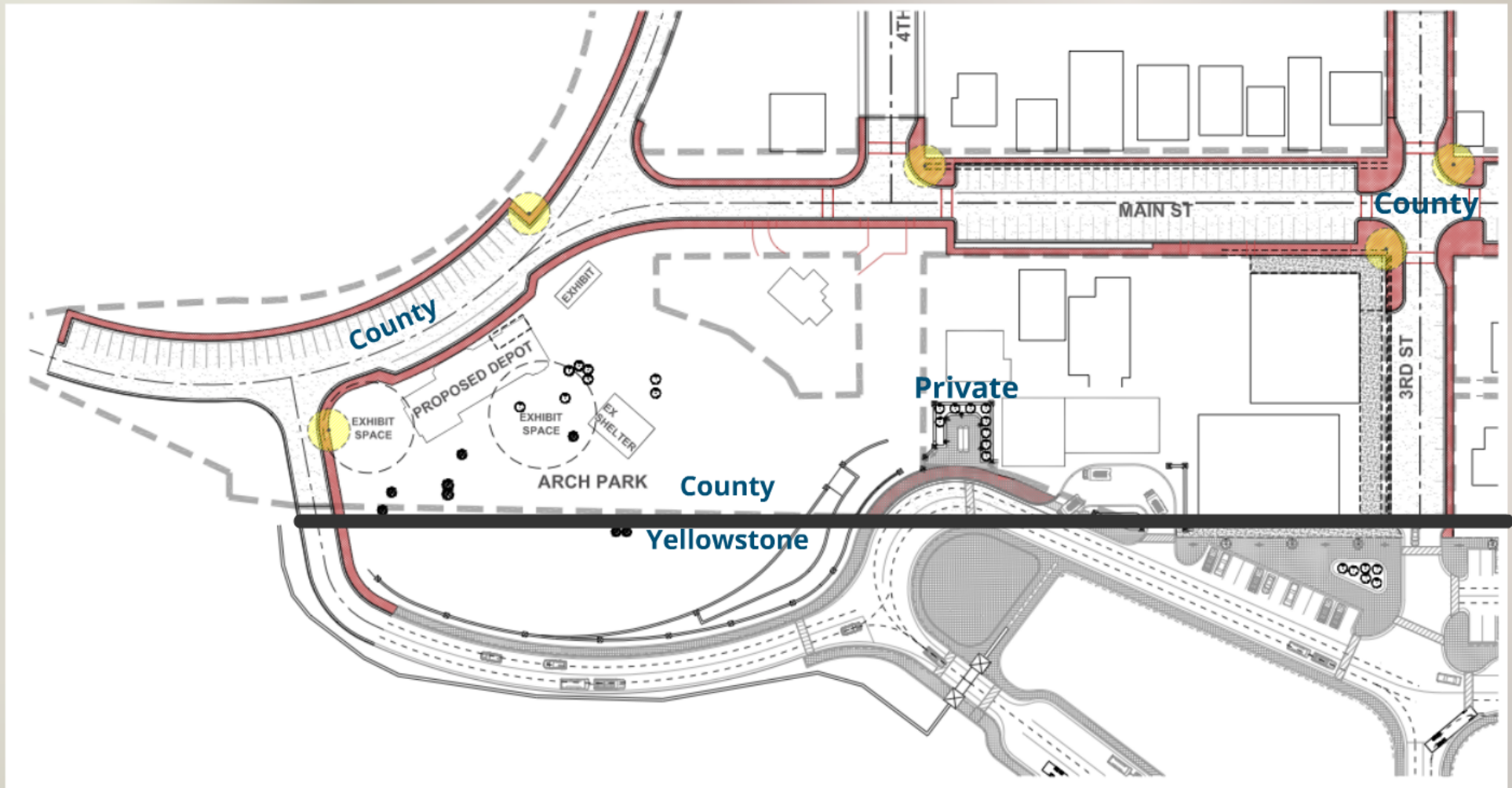
RECONSTRUCTED IN ARCH PARK



1ST FLOOR

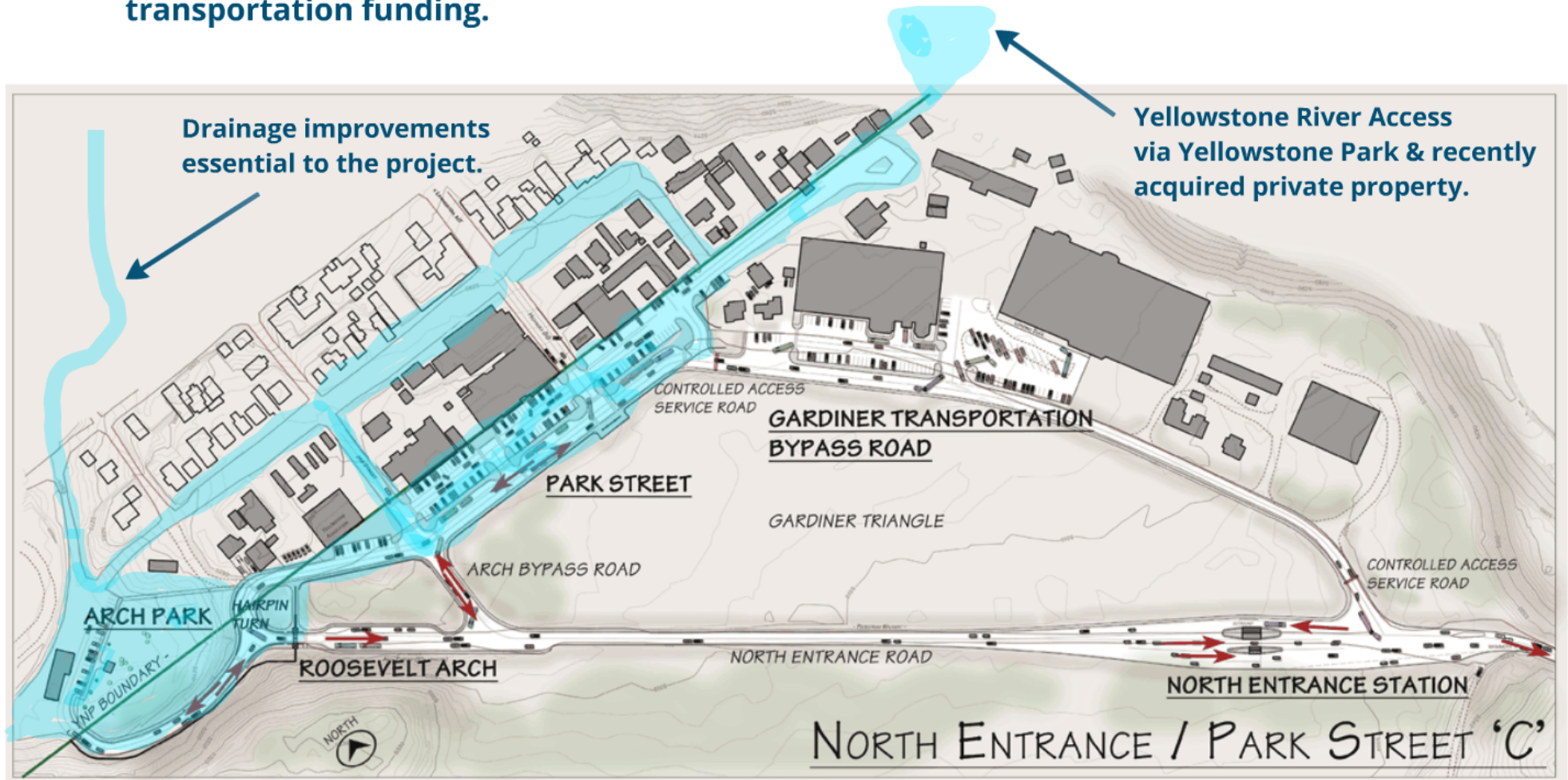
Infrastructure

Our Immediate Opportunity to Leverage Efforts



We have a very short window of opportunity to leverage State, Local, County and Federal dollars through collaboration. In February of 2013 the project was submitted for funding through the Federal Land Access Program (FLAP).

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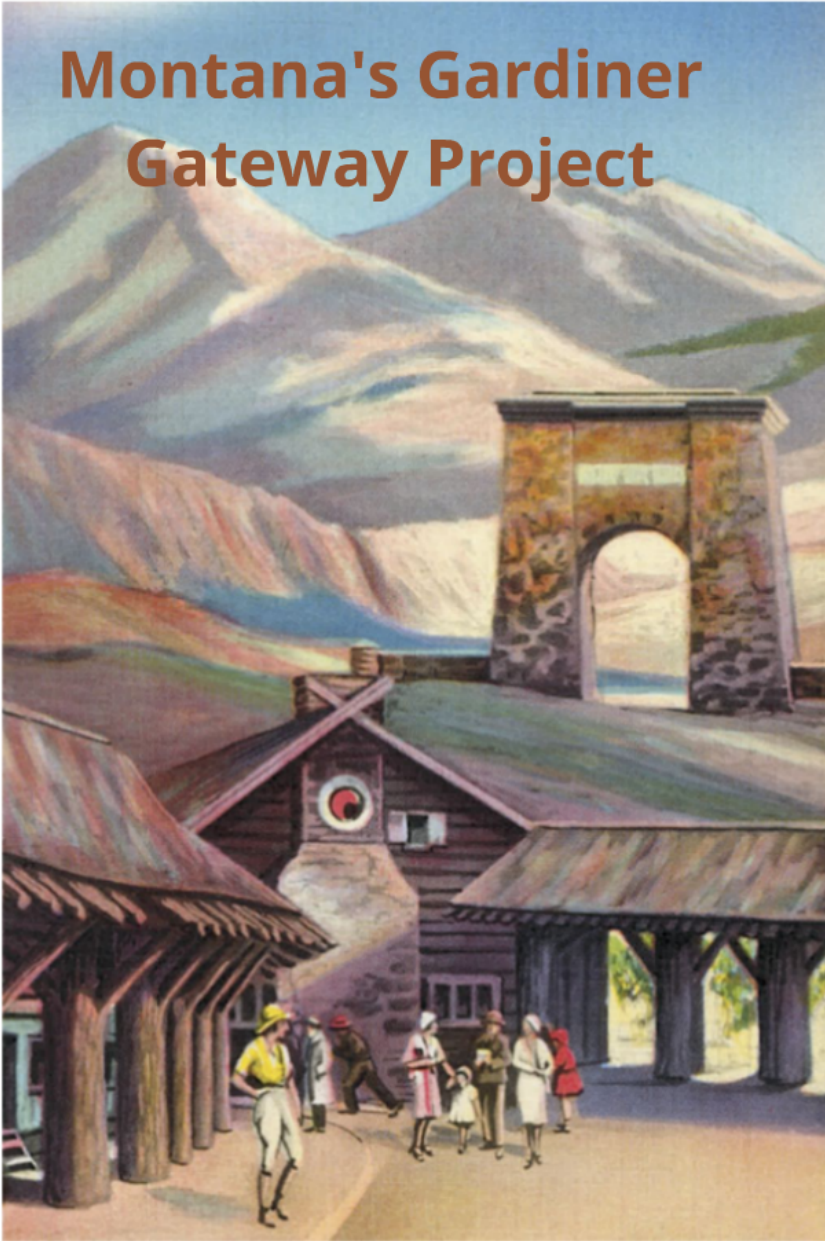
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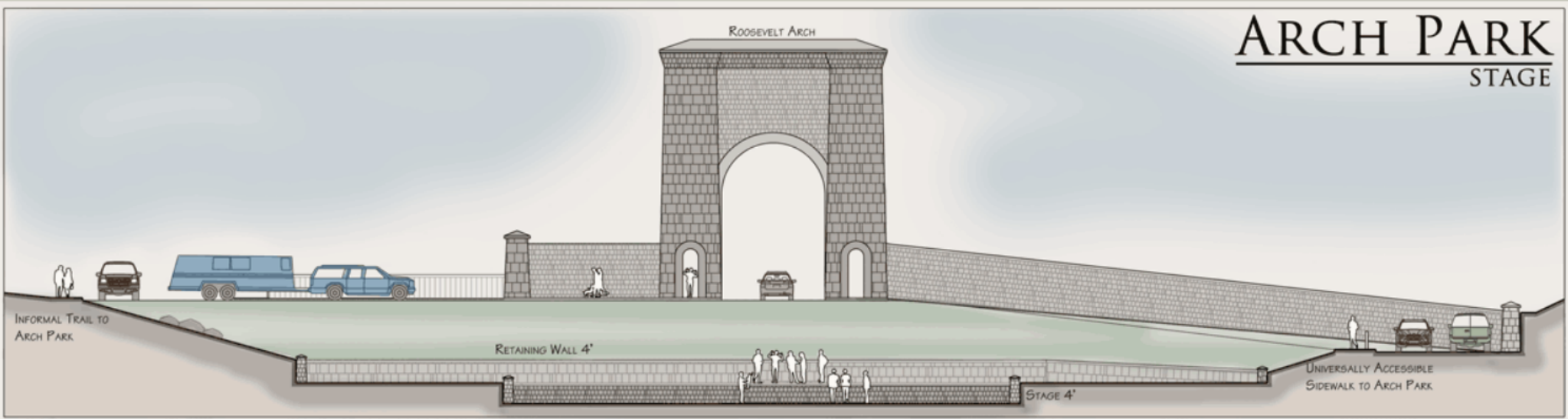
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For the Benefit and Enjoyment of the People

Gardiner, Montana is the original and only year-round entrance to Yellowstone.

Montana is the Gateway to Yellowstone offering 3 of Yellowstone's 5 entrances.

The National Park Service turns 100 in 2016.
An opportunity to promote tourism for the state of Montana.

SAVE THE DATE

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CELEBRATE
100 YEARS OF THE
NATIONAL PARK SERVICE

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